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SENATOR JENSEN: Six months? Six months. So that's more than a misdemeanor. It certainly is a felony, is it not?

SENATOR KRUSE: No, it's a misdemeanor. A felony would be a year minimum.

SENATOR JENSEN: All right. So it would be a misdemeanor. It would still be six months then...

SENATOR KRUSE: Yes.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...if you're driving without operator's license.

SENATOR KRUSE: And you know, I guess I'd back up a little bit on it. Six months penalty in prison would be a serious penalty, to me.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yeah. And of course, that...

SENATOR KRUSE: But the greater problem, as I indicated, is trying to get somebody to charge it.

SENATOR JENSEN: And that would be the maximum, however. And any judge can...

SENATOR KRUSE: Yes.

SENATOR JENSEN: ... subscribe something much less than that.

SENATOR KRUSE: Yes. Yes. Could be less. And of course, like all of these, they can make the sentence and then suspend it for probation.

SENATOR JENSEN: Okay. Well, I certainly commend you on bringing forward the whole bill. And I'll listen to see if I can be brought up to date on all that is in there. But if... as long as we have a penalty in there that if it's not a Class III that it's still a sufficient enough penalty, I would hope...although I understand, too, that people who are driving